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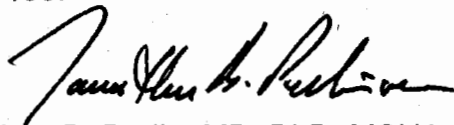
1. In recognition and celebration of the rich diversity of our talented VHA work force the Under Secretary for Health Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) continues its commitment to enriching the experience of VHA's employees and patients alike.

2. I am pleased to approve and recognize the following change to the DAB membership:

Name	Title
Lucretia McClenney	Director, Center for Minority Veterans

3. I thank the Co-Chairs and each of the members of this Advisory Board for their commitment and active pursuit of the DAB charge to proactively address the complex issues of diversity within VHA, partner with other groups to expand and exceed diversity integration within VHA services and operations, and instill within all VHA operations a respect for the great diversity of both our employees and the veterans that we serve.

4. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the DAB, please contact Ms. Linda F. Watson at (678) 924-5701 or Ms. Joy Hunter at (202) 501-3400.



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Under Secretary for Health Diversity Advisory Board Members

Lucretia McClenney, Director, Center for Minority Veterans

Lucretia M. McClenney

Director

Lucretia M. McClenney was appointed as Director, Center for Minority Veterans on December 6, 2005. Previously she served as Acting Director since June 2005. She is the principal advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on policies and programs affecting minority veterans. Prior to her appointment she served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). She led the Department's emergency exercise planning, training, and evaluation program, and served as liaison to other government agencies. She has served on numerous working groups to include: the congressionally mandated National Commission on VA Nursing, Task Force on Employment of Women at VA, and as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs' representative on the American Red Cross Board of Governors and Disaster and Chapter Services Committee.

She is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College Fellowship Program at George Washington University, Washington, DC. She is also a graduate of the Johnson & Johnson – Wharton's Fellows Program in Management for Nurse Executives, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Federal Health Care Executives Interagency Institute at George Washington University, Washington, DC and Leadership VA 2004. She received her Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky and Masters of Science Degree in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing from Catholic University, Washington, DC.

She served 30 years in the Army and retired as a Colonel in November 2001. She served in various medical treatment facilities and staffs worldwide including Director, Population Health Integration Team, TRICARE Management Activity; Chief Nurse, European Regional Medical Command and Deputy Commander for Nursing, Landstuhl Regional Medical Command; Deputy Commander for Nursing, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Assistant Deputy for Human Resources, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, The Pentagon; Chief Ambulatory Nursing, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Senior Policy Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), The Pentagon; and member of the President's National Health Care Reform Task Force.

Her military decorations include: the Legion of Merit (two oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (seven oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Navy Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff Identification Badge and the coveted "9A" designator, in recognition of numerous achievements at the pinnacle of nursing excellence. Her professional affiliations include: VHA Diversity Advisory Board, Association of Military Surgeons, Sigma Theta Tau, National Nursing Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The ROCKS, Inc., the Order of Military Medical Merit, and is currently serving as President, Federal Health Care Executives Institute Alumni Association, and Board Member of the Bon Secours Health Care System.